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DECLARATION  
OF THE  
Scottish Army,  
CONCERNING

Their present Designe, against the  
Lords and Commons assembled at  
*Westminster*, the Army under the Com-  
mand of his Excellency, the Lord Generall;  
and their Resolution, to preserve and  
defend the **KINGS MAJESTIE**,  
and to gain his libertie from the  
Isl: of Wight.

And the proceedings of 7000. Scots. 5000.  
of Major Gen. *Monro's* Forces, touching the present Design  
against the Kingdom of **ENGLAND**.

With a Declaration from the Royalists of  
the City of *Norwich*, concerning their Declaring  
for God and **KING CHARLES**.

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*A Declaration of the Kingdom of Scotland  
and Freland, concerning the proceedings  
of this Kingdom.*

S I R,



Ur condition is still very deplorable, but I know you are not ignorant of our many distractions and troubles; therefore I will not trouble you with any large relation, our perplexities & fears are many, which makes us doubt what the success of things may be. & something amazes us for the present, but the hopes of supplies from *England*, quickens and revives our startling spirits, so that now we dayly expect the provisions from *England*, which we here the Parliament hath ordered for our reliefe, and which by the blessing and assistance of the Almighty, we hope to receive in convenient time.

The traiterous deedes of the Lord *Inchiquin*, did greatly startle us, and all the Protestant party in *Freland*, so that they were in a muse, and much discomforted for the present; but the supplies from *England* being timely sent, will do very much good, and greatly incourage the Protestant Army. Col. *Jones* and Col. *Mankes*, with the rest of the Protestant Commanders, are very diligent, and use their

utmost indeavours to incourage their Souldiers, defend themselves, and offend their enemies, and if by any means, with the conjunction of their forces, they can make any thing a considerable party, they intend to give the Rebels battell, to hinder the uniting of their forces, who are assembling, as it is thought, against them, by which meanes they shall be the better able to helpe furnish themselves with such necessaries, as otherwise they would extreemly want.

Vice Admirall *Crowther* is very dilligent, and faithfull in his service, and with great care attends the Ports of *Corke* and *Kingfale*, and other the Havens thereabouts, and carries a weary eye over all suspicious persons, and so very watchfull, that nothing be carried out of this Kingdome for the service of Malignants, or any in Armes against the Protestant party, and not any supplyes be brought into the Kingdom for the reliefe or assistance of the Papists, and blood-thirsty barbarous Rebels here.

The Irish Rebels have promised and assured the Lord *Inchiquin* to be true and faithfull unto him, and that they will to the utmost of their power assist him with their lives and estates, and for the assurance of this performance, they have entered into a Covenant with him, and for a witness and Testimony that they which make good their proffers, and performe their Covenant: The Rebels have delivered up into *Inchiquins* hands, many holds and places of strength, as *Galloway*, *Linerick*, and others, which they say he shall keepe as a pledge and assurance, that they will not relinquish the promise and conditions contained in their Covenants, but what is further intended by *Inchiquin*, and the Rebels is not yet known, for they keepe their resolutions very private.

SIR,



SIR,

I shall acquaint you with a sad accident which happened at *Lewis* the County town in *suffex*, on Sunday Aprill 16. occasioned by meanes of some who had not been carefull to see that their Children and Apprentices, repaired to the Churches to heare Gods word taught, as it was fit they shuld, but lett them idle to their own wills, who in their Masters and Parents absence, got together to play in a house, where were left at home but such as were fit for their company, they assembled, and after sundry pastimes, they in sport threw fire one at the other, and having thus pleased their foolish fancy, they departed thence, not minding where the fire lighted, or the Colebrands fell, they hasted away to some other vanity, with which they intended to end the day, but in their absence, the fire suddenly kindled, and set the house wholly on fire, where they had been sporting, and the people being some at Church, and some at play, the fire was not perceived, till the house was all in a flame, which suddenly fired others, and greatly indangered the whole Towne, and before it would be quenched, it consumed almost a whole streete of houses, and those houses that were burnt, were observed to be the most prophane in all the Town, and it was observed that one house escaped which was so near, that the flame sometimes touched, (it being a house very famous for Religion) and others that were three or foure houses distance, were burned to the ground: this may be a faire, and a very good warning for all prophane and licentious livers, to take heede how they prophane the Lords day, and observe what vengeance many is powred upon the willfull abuses of this sacred day; and if they be not



not very obdurate, it may cause them to consider well of the fact, and repent of what they have done, and take heed that they offend not for the future.

*Lenes April 25. 1648.*

W. H.

SIR,

*The Copy of a Letter from Scotland*

SEverall Acts which passed in the Parl. there, some are very desirous to have an Army raised here, and some preparations are making for that purpose, and many Soldiers lifting; but I know none of quality in command as yet.

The Parl. of *Scotland* were preparing to send demands to the Parl. of *England*, and Sir James Lechart was appointed to bring them; but some [of the Scots Parl. like not all the particulars, by which meanes it is not positively concluded they shall be sent, nor who shall certainly bring them, it is not yet known.

The Parl. of *Scotland* are upon a Declaration, wherein are the reasons which they say is the cause why they put the Kingdom into a posture of defence, which endeavours to satisfy the Kingdom; for so doing, this Declaration is already committed to several bodies of the states, and will be speedily published.

From *Ireland* came a Messenger to the Parl. of *Scotland* from the Irish forces, and brought a proffer of their service, and gave in assurance that they would joyne with them, with the Messenger the Scotch Parl. treated, and passed on to this effect, *viz.* that they shall have a letter of thanks returned them, and that a fortnights pay be forth advanced for them.

By this you may suppose, that the Scots are certainly resolved for a warre, and if their proposals take notice, they intend to send to the Parl. of *England*, they will appear in

their proper Colours, & their raising of an Army would be facilitated, if they could agree about Officers in chiefe, but as yet they cannot, only there is much dispute, who shall be Generall, some would have one, some another; but who shall be Generall, it is not yet concluded, many of the Officers in the former Army, perceiving how things are like to be carried, refuse to take part with them, and so have quitted their places, and rendred up their Commissions. As for Captain Wogan, and other Englishmen in Scotland, which were demanded by the English Commissioners, are not delivered up as was expected, but a full denial is given the Commissioners concerning them.

There are as it is reported 7000 Scots quartered between *Edenburgh* & *Barwick*, there are as it is reported near 5000. English in *Scotland*, in a readinesse to help forward their designe, & 8000. are expected from *Munroe*, the Scots Gen. in *Ireland*: likewise there are 11. Regiments upon their march, out of the North of *Scotland*, under this pretence, that the Northern Army shall come and be disbanded upon the borders, it is confidently reported by men of credit, that Prince *Charles* shall speedily be landed in *Scotland*; but for my part, I cannot credit it, and whether it be true or false I cannot averre.

*Edenburgh April. 19. 1648.*

SIR,

*From Yorke April. 22.*

THE Malignants have a great desire to be meddling, but cannot as yet for want of opportunity; but yet their hopes are great, there are some that would be in *Scotland* willingly, but that they feare that those which are there already, are extreemly put to their shift for provision and sustenance: therefore they intend to stay till the Scots come into *England*, and then joyn with them, by which you  
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may see they have hopes of such a day as I hope they never shall, never see it. It is said, the Scots Armies pretence is to release His Maj. from the Ill. of Wyght, and to reinstate him in his Royall Throane at *Westminster*. Captain *Wogans* men increase, and are amounted to the number of seven score, here are many Lords & Gentlemen in *Scotland*, would fain see the conclusion, because the English Souldiers are maintained by them, till such time as it is known, whether they resort for Peace or Warre.

*Torke Aprill 22. 1648.*

SIR,

*The Copy of a Letter from Norwich.*

**O**F late here hath happenned a sad accident, which was occasioned thus, The Mayor was sent for to attend the Parl. to answer for something done; but the Malignants opposed his coming up, and the well-affected endeavoured to further it; but this began to grow into such a quarrel, that the Malignants began to repaire to, and armed themselves at the County Magazine, which was within this City; but the matter was so handled, that the Magazine was blown up, and much hurt done to Churches, and many houses, what were neare were spoiled, and one hundred people were killed, and mortally wounded; but for all this, those which were left, still continued their quarrell, and would not desist, but declared for God and King *Charles*, till at last there came in 3. Troopes of Col. *Fleetwoods* horse, which after a little skirmishing, quickly quieted the City. It is said, that most of the Committee-men were blown up by this sad accident.

*Norwich April. 23. 1648.*

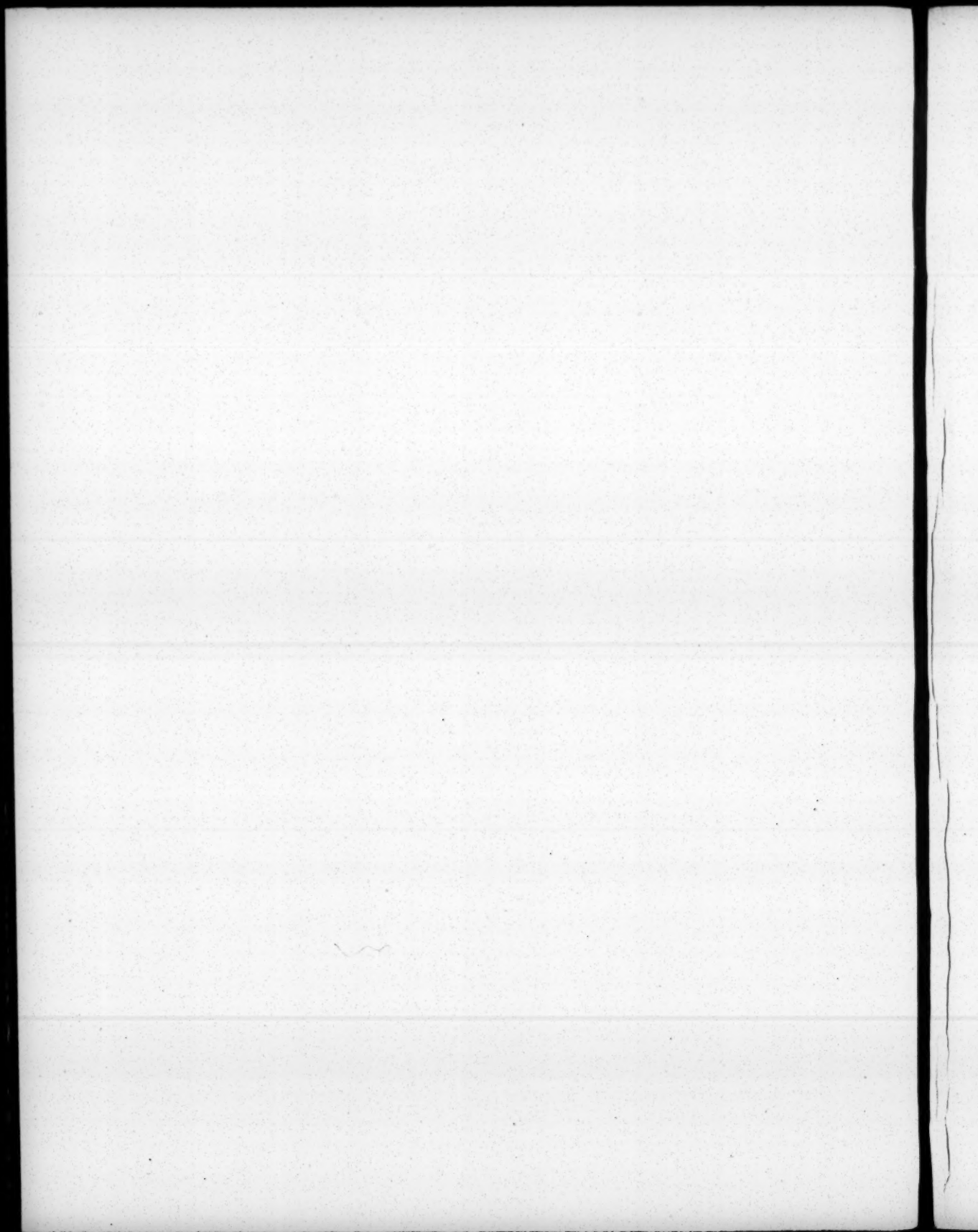
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